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1 AN ACT Relating to dissolving or deactivating joint housing
2 authorities; amending RCW 35.82.300 and 35.82.320; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 35.82 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.82.300 and 2002 c 258 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 This section applies to all cities and counties.

8 (1) Joint housing authorities are hereby authorized when the
9 legislative authorities of one or more counties and the legislative
10 authorities of any city or cities within any of those counties or in
11 another county or counties have authorized such joint housing authority
12 by ordinance.

13 (2) The ordinances enacted by the legislative authorities creating
14 the joint housing authority shall prescribe the number of
15 commissioners, the method for their appointment and length of their
16 terms, the election of officers, and the method for removal of
17 commissioners.

18 (3) The ordinances enacted by the legislative authorities creating

1 the joint housing authority shall prescribe the allocation of all costs
2 of the joint housing authority and any other matters necessary for the
3 operation of the joint housing authority.

4 (4) A joint housing authority shall have all the powers as
5 prescribed by this chapter for any housing authority. The area of
6 operation of a joint housing authority shall be the combined areas,
7 defined by RCW 35.82.020(6), of the housing authorities created in each
8 city and county authorizing the joint housing authority.

9 (5) The provisions of RCW 35.82.040 and 35.82.060 shall not apply
10 to a joint housing authority created pursuant to this section.

11 (6) The ordinances enacted by the legislative authorities creating
12 the joint housing authority shall prescribe the procedure for
13 dissolution or deactivation of a joint housing authority and any other
14 matters necessary to effectuate the dissolution or deactivation of a
15 joint housing authority, including distribution of the assets,
16 liabilities, and obligations of a joint housing authority to the
17 original activating governing bodies for the limited purposes of
18 winding up the affairs of a deactivated joint housing authority or
19 transferring assets, obligations, or liabilities to the housing
20 authority of a city, town, or county.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.82.320 and 1987 c 275 s 1 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 A housing authority or joint housing authority created under this
24 chapter and activated by a resolution or ordinance by the governing
25 body of a city, town, or county may be deactivated by a resolution or
26 ordinance by ~~((the))~~ any city, town, or county that created the housing
27 authority or joint housing authority. The findings listed in RCW
28 35.82.030 to activate the housing authority or joint housing authority
29 shall be considered prior to deactivating the housing authority.
30 However, a city, town, or county is authorized to deactivate a joint
31 housing authority based on additional considerations of the local needs
32 of the city, town, or county. For the ~~((sole))~~ limited purposes of
33 winding up the affairs of a deactivated housing authority or
34 transferring the assets, liabilities, and obligations of a joint
35 housing authority to the housing authority of a city, town, or county,
36 the governing body of ~~((the))~~ a city, town, or county may exercise any
37 power granted to a housing authority under this chapter.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35.82 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 A city, town, or county must include in any ordinance or resolution
4 authorizing a deactivation under the terms of RCW 35.82.320 adequate
5 provisions to assure the payment of financial obligations incurred by
6 the housing authority or joint housing authority and existing and in
7 good standing at the time of passage of the ordinance or resolution.

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